



The first phase of eighth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly's concluded today after five sittings. During the final sitting, the proceedings began with the Question Hour, while Parliamentary Affairs Minister KG Kenye made a statement under Rule 55 where he expressed appreciation to the Leader of the House and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio for enhancing the amount of Local Area Development Fund to support development of the MSME sector. The Assembly also took up the laying of Administrative Reports for 2025–26 from 22 departments and the presentation of Reports of the Assembly Committee on Public Accounts, among other business. Speaker Sharingain Longkumer said the session has been divided into two phases to ensure the well-being of members and officials while enabling policymakers and implementers to effectively carry forward the state's policy work. The second phase of the session will begin on March 26.



Nagaland government is working to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to hand over the half-constructed multi-disciplinary sports complex (MDSC) in Dimapur to the Sports Authority of India (SAI). This was informed by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in the assembly today while responding to a query on delays in Sports Complex. He said that the MDSC, spread across more than 64 acres, began in 2005-06 with an initial estimate of 60.57 crores and a proposed sitting capacity of 30,000. The Chief Minister noted that the project was initially funded under the Planning Commission with staggered allocations of 11 crore rupees per year from 2006 to 2011. However, the funding stopped after the Commission was replaced by the NITI Aayog. So far, a total of 140

crore rupees have been invested into the project with 43 crores from the Planning Commission and 97 crores from the state government. Mr Rio noted that an estimated 267 crore rupees is required for the project.

He added that officials of the Union Sports and Youth Affairs Ministry have already inspected the site and relevant documents are currently with the Law and Justice Department for vetting. Mr Rio also stressed the need to improve road connectivity to the complex, and suggested the department to begin a survey at the earliest.

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Former Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly, Nand Kishore Yadav will take oath as the 23rd Governor of Nagaland tomorrow. The swearing-in ceremony will be held at Dr. Imkongliba Memorial Hall in Lok Bhavan, Kohima. Born in 1953, the 72-year-old leader has over 45 years of experience in public life, rising from local governance to become one of the most senior legislative figures in Bihar. During his political career, Mr. Yadav held several key positions under governments led by Nitish Kumar, including Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Tourism, among other portfolios. Nand Kishore Yadav was appointed as Governor of Nagaland on March 5 and will formally assume office following swearing-in ceremony in Kohima tomorrow. Earlier, Governor of Manipur Mr Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been holding additional Charge of the Governor of Nagaland since 25th August, 2025.

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Minister for Parliamentary Affairs K. G. Kenye today appreciated the constructive discussion by legislators on development issues and expressed gratitude to the state leadership for enhancing funding to support MSME and underdeveloped areas in the state. Making a statement on the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly's Eighth Session, Mr Kenye said the recent deliberations by young legislators on development matters

reflected concerns of the people from across constituencies and highlighted the challenges faced by society and the state. Mr. Kenye also appreciated the Chief Minister for further enhancing the increased Local Area Development Fund, which earlier stood at 2 crore rupees, with an additional allocation to strengthen activities related to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector.

On behalf of the House, Mr Kenye congratulated and expressed gratitude to Chief Minister for his generosity.

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On the last day of the first phase of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio informed that a total of 19 sanctioned Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) are currently under construction in Nagaland. Out of these, eight are being implemented by Planning Department and 11 by Tribal Affairs Department. The earliest work orders were issued in 2016. Replying to a query raised by MLA Jwenga Seb on the delay in completion, Higher Education Minister Temjen Imna Along cited changes to structuring design and other factors.

Mr Along assured that all schools will be fully functional by 2027.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today informed the State Assembly that the Common Facility Centre (CFC) Food Processing Unit at Yaongyimsen, Mokokchung is likely to become operational within one year. Replying to a starred question raised by MLA Nuklutoshi, Mr. Rio said that if Ministry of MSME releases Central share of 60 percent, the Processing Unit will be completed and become operational. MLA Nuklutoshi highlighted

the potential benefit of the project not only for Mokokchung, but for neighbouring districts and appealed Chief Minister to intervene in the matter.

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The Nagaland Olympic Association has postponed the Nagaland Olympic & Paralympic Games 2026, which were scheduled from 7th to 18th April, until further notice. The decision was made to ensure wider participation, as many athletes are students whose exams and academic commitments clash with the original dates. The proposed schedule also overlapped with pre-planned sporting events of various state and national sports bodies. The association said the postponement will give districts, associations, and athletes more time to prepare, and new dates will be announced soon.

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